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August is National Immunization Month

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Central District Health will be celebrating National Immunization Month August 5-9, 2002.

This annual observance highlights the importance of proper immunization for children 0-18 years of age. Immunization is one of the most effective ways of protecting children against vaccine preventable diseases.

The objectives of National Immunization Month are:

- To remind parents/caregivers about the importance of immunizing children
- To encourage parents to check their children's immunization records
- To increase immunization rates in the community
- To encourage health care providers to talk to parents about immunizations
- To encourage community involvement in the protection of children through immunizations

Free immunization clinics and special activities are planned in Ada, Elmore and Valley counties during August 5-9. For more information regarding dates and times for Central District Health Department (CDHD) free clinics and events, please contact one of the following:

- Ada County—CDHD, Boise. (208) 327-7450
- Elmore County—CDHD, Mountain Home Call (208) 587-4407
- Valley County—CDHD, McCall. Call (208) 634-7194

Additional information regarding National Immunization Month events and immunization information can be found on our website at www.cdhd.org.

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